

Michael F. Easley Governor

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EASLEY APPOINTS GORE AND SLADE TO BARBER EXAMINERS

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has appointed Luther W. Gore of Gastonia and Lawrence E. Slade of Elon to the North Carolina State Board of Barber Examiners.

Gore has been on the board since 2000. He currently owns and operates the Quality Barber Styling Academy in Shelby. He is a member of the Gaston County Organization of Concerned Citizens and the First United Congressional Church of Christ in Kings Mountain.

Slade has owned L & M Barber Shop for 24 years. Previously, he was employed with the OK Barber Shop in Burlington for 13 years. He is vice president of the N.C. Negro Master Barbers Association and president of the Burlington Negro Master Barbers Association. Slade is currently serving his fourth term on the Elon Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Barber Examiners regulates the practice of barbering in the state. It ensures that barbering services are being performed by competent and trained barbers and that their establishments are clean and meet state requirements. There are five members on the board; three must be licensed barbers. Each member serves a three-year term, and the governor appoints all members.